

Gunmen kill three policemen in Anambra

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TRAGEDY again struck in Anambra State when gunmen suspected to be armed robbers, killed three mobile policemen in Ukpok on Wednesday.

An eyewitness said the robbers, operating at about midnight in a white Hummer bus and a Hilux Jeep, attacked Ukpok Police Station, shooting sporadically before the killing three mobile police officers.

Investigations revealed that the victims were posted to the station three weeks ago. Two of the victims were identified as Mohammed Musa and Ismaila Danjuma. The third was yet to be identified as at press time.

It was also gathered that the bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital (NAUTH) morgue.

The eyewitness said when the gunmen arrived, they asked some officers to come out and challenged them for hours before razing part of the police station with locally-made grenades.

Some of the officers at the police station, the witness added, fled in different directions but unfortunately, the trio were caught in the crossfire.

The DPO was said to have been contacted around 2.00 a.m. about the robbery but his efforts to mobilise more personnel from Nnewi Area Command and other neig-

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The hoodlums were said to have stormed the station in a black Sports Utility Van at about 2.30 am, shooting sporadically into the air.

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realising that there was no resistance, the hoodlums entered the station and freed two detainees before carting away 14 AK-47 rifles found in the armoury.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Bala Nasarawa, was said to be attending a meeting in Abuja and his Deputy, Mr. Austine Egbakhabokun, declined to comment on the matter.

Meanwhile, operatives of the Joint Task Force (JTF) on Tuesday shot dead three gunmen who allegedly disposed an unknown person in Kano of his Honda Accord 2008 model car.

The gunmen met their Waterloo in the hands of the security operatives as they were trying to escape with the car.